

## **Belhar**

In 1964, Belhar was founded as a residential area for the middle class coloured community. Over the years, Belhar expanded and today the population has about 49 000 people. The community is predominantly coloured (93%), from which most residents were born in Cape Town or Belhar. Afrikaans is the most commonly spoken language (71%), followed by English (26%) and other languages (3%). The unemployment rate, compared to other areas is relatively low at 17%. The average income of a Belhar household is about R400 per month. Most of the dwellings are houses or brick structures located in separate plots of land with private water and an electrical supply. Belhar does report social problems associated with crime, teenage pregnancy, drugs and domestic violence.

### **St. Vincent Clinic**

The Belhar clinic is a combined municipal and provincial clinic built in the mid-nineties. Medical assistance is available from Monday to Friday. The staff of this large clinic comprises nine nursing sisters, a full-time TB doctor plus 10-15 additional people working at the clinic. There are 11 rooms in which common illnesses like TB are treated and counseling is provided. Daily, this clinic facility receives approximately 230-240 patients. About 30-40 patients are tested for HIV per month. On average 100 patients apply for a MTCT antenatal HIV test per month, of which 3-5 of them are normally positive (and usually teenagers).